

French Language 1

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Course aims

The aim of the course is to help students reach the B1 level of English according to the official CEFR guidelines, described as follows: “Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans”.

Course contents

1. Study and active use of grammar and phonetics:
 - ✓ Syntax of articles
 - ✓ Syntax of adjectives (position and agreement, compound adjectives)
 - ✓ Syntax of adverbs (position, use of *non* and *pas*, *ne explétif*, adverbial phrases)
 - ✓ Specific usage of conjunctions in subordinate clauses
 - ✓ Indirect speech
 - ✓ Syntax of nouns
 - ✓ Syntax of pronouns (possessive, demonstrative, relative, indefinite, personal)
 - ✓ Formation of the main indicative tenses (*présent*, *passé composé*, *imparfait*, *futur simple*)
 - ✓ Formation of the present conditional
 - ✓ Formation of the gerund
 - ✓ Formation of the present participle
 - ✓ Agreement of the past participle
 - ✓ Syntax of the infinitive
 - ✓ Expression of cause, consequence, opposition, purpose
 - ✓ Conditional sentences (first and second type)
2. Acquisition of the key vocabulary in order to interact in various situations of everyday life:
 - ✓ Accidents and mishaps
 - ✓ Habits
 - ✓ News events
 - ✓ Debates and conversations
 - ✓ Personality and behaviour
 - ✓ Politics and history
 - ✓ Objects
 - ✓ Science and technology
 - ✓ Physical appearance
 - ✓ Nature and environment
 - ✓ Food
 - ✓ Show and music
 - ✓ Press and media
 - ✓ Feelings and emotions
 - ✓ Art and literature
 - ✓ Young people
 - ✓ Money and economics
 - ✓ Hopes, dreams and decisions

3. Development of the reading, production, listening and comprehension skills, based on audiovisual and multimedia supports:
 - ✓ Activities of reading, comprehension and redrafting of written/oral texts
 - ✓ Activities of oral and written communication about everyday life topics.

Exam

The exam will be both written (grammar test, written and oral comprehension, written production) and oral.

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